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Mr. Bannerman via Mr. Coffey and [REDACTED]

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We have looked at this and the only problem I have with it is that an operational requirement has apparently been generated after the fact. That is, DDS&T/OEL acquired a [REDACTED] at a cost to the Agency of \$200,000. They no longer have a use for it and have made it available to the Office of Communications. Had OC not gotten it in this way they would not have gone out to buy it. Since it is available, they can use it, and it will be a legitimate use to provide back-up for, and expand, an existing capability. In order for OC to use the [REDACTED] however, they must either hard-wire it at a cost of \$60,000 or have a small computing capability to go with it. Hence this request for approval to buy a small computer. I have not attempted to analyze the virtues of the computer they have selected because I have no competence to do it.

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The alternatives seem to be:

- a. Allow the [REDACTED] to lie dormant.
- b. Turn it in to GSA.
- c. Spend \$60,000 to hard-wire it, or
- d. Spend \$63,000 to buy a computer to use the [REDACTED] as back-up for, and expansion of, an existing capability.

The Office of Communications chooses the fourth alternative. I recommend your approval.



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Attachment

OC Memorandum w/Attachment

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